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INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA TO HOST BANANA PRODUCERS'

MEETING

1. COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO  
RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT COSTA RICA WILL HOST ON MAY  
17-20 A MEETING OF BANANA PRODUCERS CONSISTING OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS AND INDEPENDENT BANANA  
PRODUCERS FROM INFO ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES. COSTA RICAN  
DELEGATION TO THE MEETINGS WILL BE HEADED BY SECOND VICE  
PRESIDENT JORGE ROSSI, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE  
RECENTLY-FORMED NATIONAL BANANA ASSOCIATION COMPOSED  
OF INDEPENDENT COSTA RICAN PRODUCERS.

2. ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT, PURPOSE OF THE  
MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING (A) STRENGTHENING PRICES;  
(B) OPENING NEW MARKETS; (C) ESTABLISHMENT OF INTER-  
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NATIONAL BANANA INSURANCE; (D) FORMATION OF A  
PRODUCER'S DEFENSE GROUP TO BE CALLED UNION DE PAISES  
EXPORTADORES DE BANANO-- UPEB; (E)  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL AND STATISTICS CENTER; AND  
(F) TO TRY TO AGREE UPON A JOINT POSITION BEFORE THE  
FORTHCOMING FAO MEETING IN BREMEN.

3. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD THAT  
UNTIL RECENTLY, THE CONVENING OF THIS MEETING WAS  
UNLIKELY BECAUSE OF ECUADOREAN RELUCTANCE TO PARTICIPATE.  
WITHOUT ECUADOR, THE PROSPECTIVE UPEB MEMBERS WOULD  
NOT HAVE POTENTIAL TO DOMINATE THE MARKET, EVEN IF THEY  
COULD WREST MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS AWAY FROM THE  
DOMINANT FOREIGN FIRMS. EMBASSY WILL REPORT RESULTS  
OF SAN JOSE MEETING. THE PUBLIC ATTENTION PAID THUS FAR  
TO THIS MEETING MAY BE A GOCR SOP TO COSTA RICA'S  
INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS, SINCE GOCR IS PLEASED  
WITH ITS CURRENT RELATIONS WITH THE MAJORS AND RECENTLY  
SIGNED A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH UNITED. THE AMENDED  
CONTRACT HAS NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE ASSEMBLY, AS  
GOCR WANTED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH INDEPENDENT  
PRODUCERS BEFORE TAKING THAT STEP.  
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